

## **The Price Indices for February 2017**

### **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

The CPI in February 2017 (2011=100) decreased 0.34% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of services for nursery and nursing care, vegetables, and entertainment expenses went down 27.42%, 3.43%, and 1.59%, respectively, after the Lunar New Year holiday. And prices of garments fell 3.58% due to winter sales. Nonetheless, prices of fruits rose 3.73%, as well as prices of food away from home advanced 0.31%, both of which offset the decline. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy (core CPI) moved down 0.43%.

The annual change of CPI in February 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, moved down 0.04%. Because of the different timing of the Lunar New Year in 2016, seasonality change made prices of vegetables, services for nursery and nursing care, and entertainment expenses move down 37.76%, 30.31%, and 3.79% respectively. Additionally, prices of water, electricity, and gas supply declined 5.10%. On the other hand, prices of fuels and lubricants, fruits, and food away from home rose 26.42%, 23.89%, and 1.89%. The core CPI moved up 0.17%.

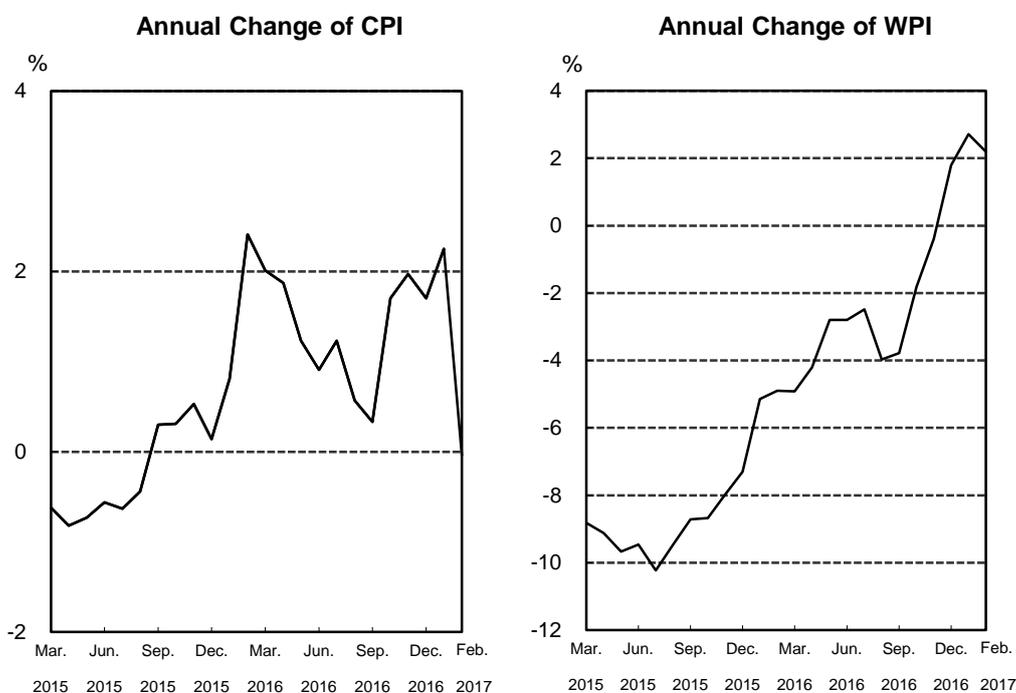
For the first two months of 2017, the CPI increased 1.09% over the same period of previous year. Prices of commodity and services moved up 1.43% and 0.84%. The core CPI increased 0.90%.

### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in February 2017 decreased 0.82% from the preceding month. Prices of electronic parts and components, machinery and equipment, and computers, electronic and optical products went down 2.05%, 1.65%, and 1.62%. However, prices of quarrying products and other mineral products and chemical materials went up 3.98% and 2.15%.

The annual change of WPI in February 2017, compared with the same month of 2016, increased 2.19%. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, petroleum and coal products, quarrying products and other mineral products, chemical materials, and basic metals rose 57.27%, 36.06%, 32.02%, 18.72%, and 17.09%. However, prices of water supply, electricity, and gas, computers, electronic and optical products, electronic parts and components, and machinery and equipment moved down 7.82%, 6.10%, 5.68%, and 5.65%,. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports increased 5.27%, import price index moved up 4.13%, but export price index decreased 1.67%.

For the first two months of 2017, the WPI increased 2.46% over the same period of previous year.



### Statistical Tables

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